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SUBJECT: NORWAY WILL NOT SUPPORT IRAN FOR HRC

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Classified By: P/E Counselor Mike Hammer, reason 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) We delivered reftel demarche to MFA DAS for UN policy Jostein Leiro on April 26. Leiro said that Norway fully agreed that members of the new UN Human Rights Council (HRC) should reflect the principles on which the HRC was established, and must have good track records on human rights. Leiro said that Norway had not yet made its decision on all potential candidates, so he said he could not officially say which countries Norway would support for the HRC. Unofficially, however, Leiro guaranteed us that "Iran will not be on that list" of countries that Norway will support. Leiro also reiterated Norwegian disappointment that the US has decided not to stand for the Council at this time.

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